

In the Claims

Please amend claims 29, 34, 37, 42, 45, 50, 53, 58, 61-67, and 69-75 as follows:

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29. (Amended) An interactive program guide that provides access to content from a plurality of available media types, the interactive program guide comprising:

means for designating at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

means for designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user determined period of time independently from designating a favorite channel; and

means for providing a user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types.

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34. (Amended) The interactive program guide defined in claim 29, wherein the means for designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user determined period of time comprises designating a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

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37. (Amended) An interactive program guide that provides access to content from a plurality of available media types, the interactive program guide comprising:

means for designating at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

means for designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user determined period of time independently from designating a favorite channel; and

means for displaying to a user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types, wherein each favorite channel listing is selectable by the user.

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42. (Amended) The interactive program guide defined in claim 37, wherein the means for designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type comprises means for designating a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

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45. (Amended) A method for providing access to content from a plurality of media types with an interactive program guide comprising:

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designating at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user determined period of time independently from designating a favorite channel; and

providing a user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types.

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50. (Amended) The method defined in claim 45, wherein designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type comprises designating a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

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53. (Amended) A method for providing access to content from a plurality of media types with an interactive program guide comprising:

designating at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user determined

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period of time independently from designating a favorite channel; and

displaying to a user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types, wherein each favorite channel listing is selectable by the user.

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58. (Amended) The method defined in claim 53, wherein designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type comprises designating a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

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61. (Amended) A system for providing access to content from a plurality of available media types, the system comprising:

a user input device configured to accept user selections; and

user equipment configured to:

designate at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

designate at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user determined period of time independently from designating a favorite

~~channel, and~~

provide a user with the ability to select at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types.

62. (Amended) The system defined in claim 61, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

display a list of channels comprising at least one favorite channel from at least one of the preferred media types; and

provide the user with the ability to select any favorite channel from any of the preferred media types from the list of channels.

63. (Amended) The system defined in claim 62, wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide the user with the ability to select any favorite channel by moving a highlight among only favorite channel listings from any of the preferred media types.

64. (Amended) The system defined in claim 61, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

display a flip display, wherein the flip

display comprises information for a favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tune the flip display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

65. (Amended) The system defined in claim 61, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

display a browse display, wherein the browse display comprises information for a favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tune the browse display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

66. (Amended) The system defined in claim 61, wherein the user equipment is further configured to designate media types associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

67. (Amended) The system defined in claim 61 wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide the user with the ability to store information about at least one favorite channel from each of the preferred media types in a preference profile.

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69. (Amended) A system that provides access to content from a plurality of available media types, the system comprising:

a user input device configured to accept user selections; and

user equipment configured to:
designate at least one channel as a favorite channel based on user selections;

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designate at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user determined period of time independently from designating a favorite channel; and

display to a user a single favorite channel listing from each of the preferred media types, wherein each favorite channel listing is selectable by the user.

70. (Amended) The system defined in claim 69, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

display a list of channels comprising a single favorite channel from at least one of the preferred media types; and

provide the user with the ability to select a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types from the list of channels.

71. (Amended) The system defined in claim 70, wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide the user with the ability to select a single favorite channel by moving a highlight among only favorite channel listings from any of the preferred media types.

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72. (Amended) The system defined in claim 69, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

- display a flip display, wherein the flip display comprises information for a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and
- tune the flip display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

73. (Amended) The system defined in claim 69, wherein the user equipment is further configured to:

- display a browse display, wherein the browse display comprises information for a single favorite channel from any of the preferred media types; and

tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel from any of the preferred media types.

74. (Amended) The system defined in claim 69, wherein the user equipment is further configured to designate a media type associated with a current channel as a preferred media type.

75. (Amended) The system defined in claim 69 wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide the user with the ability to store information about a single favorite channel from each of the preferred media types in a preference profile.

Please add the following claims 77-106:

77. (New) The system of claim 29 wherein the user determined period of time comprises a current viewing session.

78. (New) The system of claim 37 wherein the user determined period of time comprises a current viewing session.

79. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein the designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user determined period of time comprises designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session.

80. (New) The method of claim 53 wherein the designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a user determined period of time comprises designating at least one of the available media types as a preferred media type for a current viewing session.

81. (New) The system of claim 61 wherein the user determined period of time is a current viewing session.

82. (New) The system of claim 69 wherein the user determined period of time is a current viewing session.

83. (New) A method of providing program information for constrained favorite channels in an interactive program guide for providing a plurality of channels of a plurality

of media types, the media types including at least two media types from the group consisting of television, video on demand, music, games, and data, the method comprising:

allowing a user to select a plurality of favorite channels, the selected favorite channels including channels of a first media type and channels of a second media type; and

displaying program information for the selected favorite channels upon user request, wherein:

when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays program information for all selected favorite channels, and when a preferred media type has been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays program information for favorite channels of the preferred media type, and excludes from display, program information for the favorite channels that are not of the preferred media type.

84. (New) The method defined in claim 83 further comprising:

displaying a flip display upon user request, wherein the flip display comprises program information for

a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

85. (New) The method defined in claim 83 further comprising:

displaying a browse display upon user request, wherein the browse display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

86. (New) The method defined in claim 83 further comprising allowing the user to designate a current channel as a preferred media type.

87. (New) A method of providing access to content from constrained favorite channels in an interactive program guide for providing a plurality of channels of a plurality of media types, the media types including at least two media types from the group consisting of television, video on demand, music, games, and data, the method comprising:

allowing a user to select a plurality of favorite channels, the selected favorite channels including channels of a first media type and channels of a second media type; and

displaying a single favorite channel listing comprising a plurality of selected favorite channels and allowing the user to select a favorite channel from the single favorite channel listing for display, wherein:

when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays a single favorite channel listing comprising all selected favorite channels, and when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays a single favorite channel listing comprising selected favorite channels of the preferred

media type, and excludes from the single favorite channel listing, selected favorite channels that are not of the preferred media type.

88. (New) The method defined in claim 87, further comprising:

displaying a flip display upon user request, wherein the flip display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

89. (New) The method defined in claim 87, further comprising:

displaying a browse display upon user request, wherein the browse display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite

channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

90. (New) The method defined in claim 87 further comprising allowing the user to designate a current channel as a preferred media type.

91. (New) An interactive program guide for providing a plurality of channels of a plurality of media types that provides program information for constrained favorite channels, the media types including at least two media types from the group consisting of television, video on demand, music, games, and data, the interactive program guide comprising:

means for allowing a user to select a plurality of favorite channels, the selected favorite channels including channels of a first media type and channels of a second media type; and

means for displaying program information for the selected favorite channels upon user request, wherein:

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designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays program information for all selected favorite channels, and when a preferred media type has been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays program information for favorite channels of the preferred media type, and excludes from display, program information for the favorite channels that are not of the preferred media type.

92. (New) The interactive program guide defined in claim 91 further comprising:

means for displaying a flip display upon user request, wherein the flip display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

means for tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

93. (New) The interactive program guide defined in

~~claim 91 further comprising:~~

means for displaying a browse display upon user request, wherein the browse display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

means for tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

94. (New) The interactive program guide defined in claim 91 further comprising means for allowing the user to designate a current channel as a preferred media type.

95. (New) An interactive program guide for providing access to content from constrained favorite channels for providing a plurality of channels of a plurality of media types, the media types including at least two media types from the group consisting of television, video on demand, music, games, and data, the interactive program guide comprising:

means for allowing a user to select a plurality of favorite channels, the selected favorite channels including channels of a first media type and channels of a second media type;

means for displaying a single favorite channel listing comprising a plurality of selected favorite channels and allowing the user to select a favorite channel from the single favorite channel listing for display, wherein:

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when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays a single favorite channel listing comprising all selected favorite channels, and when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays a single favorite channel listing comprising selected favorite channels of the preferred media type, and excludes from the single favorite channel listing, selected favorite channels that are not of the preferred media type.

96. (New) The interactive program guide defined in claim 95 further comprising:

means for displaying a flip display upon user

request, wherein the flip display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

means for tuning the flip display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

97. (New) The interactive program guide defined in claim 95 further comprising:

means for displaying a browse display upon user request, wherein the browse display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

means for tuning the browse display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

98. (New) The interactive program guide defined in claim 95 further comprising means for allowing the user to designate a current channel as a preferred media type.

99. (New) A system for providing program information for constrained favorite channels in an interactive program guide for providing a plurality of channels of a plurality of media types, the media types including at least two media types from the group consisting of television, video on demand, music, games, and data, the system comprising:

a user input device configured to accept user requests;

user equipment configured to:

allow a user to select a plurality of favorite channels, the selected favorite channels including channels of a first media type and channels of a second media type based on user request; and

display program information for the selected favorite channels upon user request, wherein:

when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays program information for all selected favorite channels, and when a preferred media type has been

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designated by the user, the interactive program guide displays program information for favorite channels of the preferred media type, and excludes from display, program information for the favorite channels that are not of the preferred media type.

100. (New) The system defined in claim 99 further comprising user equipment configured to:

display a flip display upon user request, wherein the flip display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tune the flip display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

101. (New) The system defined in claim 99 further comprising user equipment configured to:

display a browse display upon user request, wherein the browse display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels

when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tune the browse display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

102. (New) The system defined in claim 99 further comprising user equipment configured to allow the user to designate a current channel as a preferred media type.

103. (New) A system for providing access to content from constrained favorite channels in an interactive program guide for providing a plurality of channels of a plurality of media types, the media types including at least two media types from the group consisting of television, video on demand, music, games, and data, the system comprising:

a user input device configured to accept user requests;

user equipment configured to:

allow a user to select a plurality of favorite channels, the selected favorite channels including channels

of a first media type and channels of a second media type;
and

display a single favorite channel listing
comprising a plurality of selected favorite channels and
allowing the user to select a favorite channel from the
single favorite channel listing for display, wherein:

when a preferred media type has not been
designated by the user, the interactive program guide
displays a single favorite channel listing comprising all
selected favorite channels, and when a preferred media type
has not been designated by the user, the interactive
program guide displays a single favorite channel listing
comprising selected favorite channels of the preferred
media type, and excludes from the single favorite channel
listing, selected favorite channels that are not of the
preferred media type.

104. (New) The system defined in claim 103, further
comprising user equipment configured to:

display a flip display upon user request,
wherein the flip display comprises program information for
a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a
preferred media type has not been designated by the user or

program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tune the flip display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

105. (New) The system defined in claim 103, further comprising user equipment configured to:

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display a browse display upon user request, wherein the browse display comprises program information for a selected one of the plurality of favorite channels when a preferred media type has not been designated by the user or program information for a selected one of favorite channels of the preferred media type when a preferred media type has been designated by the user; and

tune the browse display to a next favorite channel of the preferred media type.

106. (New) The system defined in claim 103 comprising user equipment configured to allow the user to designate a current channel as a preferred media type.